

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3561
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2000
EXTENSION OF SCHEDULED AREAS ACT, 1996
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some States are yet to implement the provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the scheduled areas) Act, 1996;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government have evaluated the performance in those States where the said provisions have been implemented;
- (d) if so, the details of achievements made and failures observed;
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for effective implementation of the Act; and
- (f) the States where Finance Commissions have been set up and have submitted their reports, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU]

(a) & (b) The Provisions of the Panchayat (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 are applicable to the Schedule-V areas of States such as Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa and Rajasthan. All States, except Bihar and Jharkhand, have implemented, in varying degree, the provisions of the Panchayat (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996. The Government of Bihar didnot enact State Legislation in respect of Scheduled Areas as the Bihar State Panchayati Raj Act had been challenged in the Court.

(c) to (e) : The Government of India have been reviewing the status in respect of performance and have been advising the State Governments to devolve more powers upon Panchayats. In addition 20% of funds under the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) are to be released, as incentive, to those State Governments who have put elected and empowered Panchayats in place.

(f) A statement is appended in this regard.

Statement as referred in the reply for Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3561 due for 12.12.2000

THE STATUS OF SFC REPORTS

Sl.No. State/UTs Report of SFC Acceptance of Report

1. Andhra Pradesh Received Major recommendations accepted.
2. Arunachal Prad Not Set up -
3. Assam Received Partially accepted
4. Bihar Report awaited -
5. Goa Received Under Consideration
6. Gujarat Received Major decisions accepted
- 7 Haryana Received Major decisions accepted
8. Himachal Pra Received Accepted

9. J & K Not Applicable -
10. Karnataka Received Major recommendations accepted
11. Kerala Received Accepted
12. Madhya Pradesh Received Accepted
13. Maharashtra Received Major recommendations accepted
14. Manipur Received Accepted
15. Meghalaya Not Applicable -
16. Mizoram N Not Applicable -
17. Nagaland Not Applicable -
18. Orissa Received Accepted
19. Punjab Received Accepted
20. Rajasthan Received Accepted
21. Sikkim Received Accepted but orders not yet issued
22. Tamil Nadu Received Accepted
23. Tripura Received Accepted
24. Uttar Pradesh Received Major recommendations accepted
25. West Bengal Received Accepted
26. A&N Islands Received Under consideration
27. Chandigarh Received -
28. D&N Haveli Received Under consideration
29. Daman & Diu Received Under consideration
30. NCT Delhi Not Set up -
31. Lakshadweep Received Under consideration
32. Pondicherry Received Accepted